

## **North American Waterfowl Management Plan Evaluation Team Minutes of the August 23-26 Meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota.**

Evaluation Team urges the heads of the U.S. and Canadian NAWMP Offices to make recommendations on Team membership before the October 1994 NAWMP Committee meeting.

The time to offer Mexico representation on the NAWMP Evaluation Team was discussed. It was agreed that membership on the NAWMP Evaluation Team should not be offered until the Mexican partners have completed implementation planning. The possible need to change the terms of reference for membership to the NAWMP Evaluation Team was discussed in order to accommodate future Mexican involvement. It was decided that the terms did not need to be revised but it should be added that future Mexican members will be appointed by the Mexican NA WMP director.

Action Items -- 1) the U.S. and Canadian NAWMP offices will be briefed as to the interest of NA WMP Evaluation Team members in future involvement on the Team 2) draft letter to . directors of the U.S. and Canadian NAWMP offices which describe the potential need to add text to the terms of reference for Team membership which indicate that any future Mexican representatives would be appointed by the Mexican director of the NAWMP.

Chairmanship of the NAWMP Evaluation Team

A motion was made and seconded that Mike Tome of the North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office continue as the chair of the Team.

### Role of the NAWMP Evaluation Team

The memo drafted as a result of last Team meeting (but not sent) regarding prioritizing joint ventures for evaluation was discussed and its background was reviewed. Some concern was expressed that the memo could be construed as the NAWMP Evaluation Team giving up on a continental evaluation of the NAWMP. However, the intent of the memo had been to get past the minutia of joint venture evaluation plans and to focus attention on several key joint ventures which will make or break the NAWMP. The memo was intended to present the idea that in order to evaluate the overall continental success of the NAWMP, certain information from several key joint ventures was required. Team members felt that the intention of the NAWMP Evaluation Team to shift focus from individual joint venture evaluation plans to establishing a mechanism to begin to continentally evaluate the success to the NAWMP should be communicated to the NA WMP Committee, possibly as part of the annual report. The NAWMP Evaluation Team needs to evolve beyond individual joint venture evaluation plans, to a body to gather critical scientific information and to develop the necessary linkages among joint venture evaluation efforts to report on the continental progress of the NAWMP.